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THE PROMINENT AMERICAN AUTHOR AND PULTIZER PRIZE WINNER, JAMES A. MICHENER, ARRIVED IN WARSAW MAY 16, IN THE COMPANY OF HIS VERY CLOSE FRIEND, MR. EDWARD J. PISZEK, AN EQUALLY PROMINENT POLISH-AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN.

IN AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW WITH POLISH RADIO, MICHENER SAID HIS MAIN PURPOSE FOR COMING TO POLAND WAS STRICULY TOURISTIC. HE SAID HE HOPED TO SEE THE POLISH COUTNRYSIDE SINCE HE HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN GEOGRAPHY WHICH, HE ADDED, IS REFLECTED IN HIS MANY NOVELS. " I WANT TO SEE AND STUDY THE COUNTRYSIDE IN HISTORICAL TERMS AND SEE HOW THE LAND RELATED TO THE PEOPLE". HE TOLD HIS INTERVIEWER THAT HE HIMSELF WAS A FARMER AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SOME POTISH FARMS WHERE HE COULD MEET THE PEOPLE AND TASTE THEIR FOODS. MR. MICHENER EXPLAINED TO HIS POLISH RADIO AUDIENCE THAT HE WAS VISITING POLAND FOR THE SECOND TIME, HAVING COME THE FIRST IME TO OLAND DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S HOSTORIC VISIT OF MAY 31-JUNE 1, 1972.

MR. PISZEK, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE COPERNICUS SOCIETY OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS BEING PRESIDENT OF MRS. PAUL'S KITCHENS, THE PHILADELPHIA-BASED FROZED FOOD ENTERPRISE, TOLD POLISH RADIO HE WAS VISITING POLAND AGAIN TO CONTINUE HIS MANY EFFORTS IN EXPANDING POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY

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INTERESTED IN PROJECTS FOCUSING ON THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. HE PLANS TO SPONSOR EVENTS AND EXHIBITS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD SHOW THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUCH HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AS KOSCIUSZKO AND PULASKI. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, HE WILL BE VISITING THE POLISH NATIONAL LIBRARY IN SEARCH OF DOCUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS WHICH COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITS.

IN THEIR WEEK-LONG STAY IN POLAND, MESSRS. MICHENER AND PISZEK, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES, WILL BE GUESTS OF THE WARSAW AND KRAKOW POLONIA SOCIETIES. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WIESLAW ADAMSKI HOSTED AN EVENING DINNER IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. PISZEK ON MAY 16. ATTENDING WERE MR. AND MRS. MICHENER, OFFICIALS OF THE POLONIA SOCIETY AND OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. R.T. DAVIES AND COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURE, LEONARD J. BALDYGA. A RECEPTION HONORING MR. AND MRS. PISZEK AND MR. AND MRS. MICHENER IS BEING GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DAVIES ON MAY 17. THE NEXT DAY, THE PISZEK/MICHENER PARTY WILL LEAVE FOR KRAKOW FOR A WEEK OF SIGHTSEEING. THEY RETURN TO WARSAW ON MONDAY, MAY 20, WHERE THEY WILL RESUME A SCHEDULE OF CALLS ON POLISH CULTURAL AND PRESS INSTITUTIONS. MR. MICHENER WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE POLISH UNION OF WRITERS AT A MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 20. THE PARTY WILL LEAVE WARSAW ON MAY 23 FOR VIENNA.

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